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PANAMA CANAL BLOCKED.

The rejection of the Panama canal treaty by the Congress of Colombia, marks one more triumph for the American railroad combine. There is almost a moral certainty that the railroads, which have made canal bills their special victims in the United States Congress for over twenty years, have corrupted enough Colombian legislators to spoil the chances of Panama for good and all. Naturally President Roosevelt, acting under the discretionary powers conferred upon him by Congress, will turn once more to Nicaragua. There, as in Panama, he will meet his old enemies of the railroad trust, but the desire of the people and planters of Nicaragua to get a canal is so strong, that the legislative body may not dare to play the railroad game.

So far as Hawaii is concerned it would prefer a Nicaraguan to a Panama canal. The distance from here is less; connections with disease are not so good; the great area of calms off the United States of Colombia are avoided by vessels going through. The work of digging the Nicaragua waterway is nothing extraordinary. As to route, it traverses the lowest dip of the Cordillera between the Arctic ocean and Cape Horn, is 170 miles long with a total excavation of only twenty-eight miles, the rest of the distance being free navigation in river and lake. A ship can pass from ocean to ocean in twenty-eight hours and 22,000 can go through in a year, a tonnage of 40,000,000. The minimum depth of the canal will be thirty feet.

If the President settles matters with Nicaragua the country will sustain him. There is no particular choice of routes on the mainland. All the people there want is a canal.

One of the good things for Hawaii which we hope to see realized is the substitution of a large steamship for the Alameda on the ferry line between here and San Francisco. For that purpose a steamer like the China would be incomparable. People who go beyond the seas for pleasure are particular about the vessels to which they entrust their comfort, and the time has long passed when third-raters of the Alameda and Zealandia class could attract tourists. Many people are actually deterred, in these days of 12,000-ton liners, from going to sea in vessels of anything less than 5000 tons; and this prejudice is bound to increase with the size of ocean liners as a class. One would think that the Oceanic line might largely increase its business by putting a really good steamship in the island trade.

The Independent discourses in this solemn way upon the "politics" of the G. A. R. contest:

The fight for the leadership of the G. A. R. is one of politics, an unfortunate and unseemly situation. General Black is a Republican and General Miles a Democrat. A large majority of the G. A. R. being Republicans, General Miles, who is the ablest man in the United States for the place, and is entitled to it, will be turned down, and a shriveled, old duffer, who happens to be on the lucky side of politics, will get there. It is a case of the ins and the outs, and shows what politics will do for some people.

It happens that General John C. Black is a lifelong Democrat and the man who, when he made the nominating speech for Cleveland in the Democratic National convention of 1884, said that he loved him "for the enemies he had made."

The Bulletin speaks of "laughter" at the expense of Attorney General Andrews. It should give specifications. The Chinese bribe-giver whom it tried to save did not "laugh" much when the Attorney General got through with him, and the Bulletin's pet friends, the disbarred attorneys, did not regard Mr. Andrews as a laughing matter—at least, not for long. Perhaps the Bulletin itself will be able to control its risibles if the Attorney General, backed by an honest grand jury, ever goes into the matter of legislative printing contracts.

The Maui News man may rest in peace about judicial ermine. Next year, when several court commissions run out, the ermine will be washed, fumigated, sprinkled with insect powder, hung on the line and then fitted to some other men. The era of grafting judges is pretty nearly over in Hawaii.

The man who throws tin cans into the far corner of his backyard and leaves them there to catch rainwater will one day see the righteous bitten and his seed calling for mosquito nets.

If you meet a man who scoffs at the mosquito crusade mark him, for he probably has a fine line of mosquito netting, wire gauze or buhac stoves for sale.

The Los Angeles Times is afraid that Hawaii will secede. Not much! The Times isn't near enough to drive the place to that.

VANISHING PRACTICE OF LAWYERS.

"It has been noted by more than one observer of American affairs," says the Kansas City Journal, "that the great changes which have taken place in our business organizations have extended their influence over the professions until it can almost be said that the equipment which was deemed sufficient a few years ago is no equipment at all in the present day. Perhaps the era of consolidation has not affected all of the professions, but certainly it has affected some of them to an important degree, as, for example, that of the law."

In a spring issue of the Cosmopolitan magazine Mr. John Brisbane Walker traced out some of the changes which have been taking place in the practice of this profession, and showed how the commercial developments were connected with them. A few years ago the properties now owned and controlled by the United States Steel corporation were under perhaps ten thousand different ownerships. Then these business enterprises were giving employment in a greater or less degree to some thousands of lawyers. Naturally, too, the keen competition was giving rise to quarrels, to bad selling, poor collections and all the untoward incidents which invoke the aid of the law, and no small part of the profit of these concerns regularly found its way into the pockets of the lawyers.

Now the United States Steel corporation has a well organized legal department. Its members are salaried, not so much to win law suits as to prevent the causes of litigation. The iron industry, which formerly gave innumerable fees to the legal profession, now, under consolidation, gives employment to a very few high-grade legal advisers whose business it is to keep the affairs of the company out of the courts, instead of rushing them in for fees, as was formerly the case. And the changed conditions illustrated in this example may be found in all the divisions of our commercial life, tending everywhere to reduce the business of the courts and concentrate the practice into the hands of a few. Mr. Walker sums up the situation by stating that under the new order a young man deciding to enter the legal profession must choose between three classes. He can join with the rapidly diminishing number of those who use the law as a club with which to hold up the fortunate and unfortunate of those engaged in the business world; he can strive for a place among the limited number of great attorneys who deal with big interests and practice the profession with dignity and fairness, or he can prepare himself for the third class described by Mr. Walker as follows: "This third class is so new as scarcely to be generally known. But the developments of the past ten years have already produced many distinguished examples. The new division is that of the counselor who becomes connected with business affairs. His first duty is to prevent litigation. In the second place, he familiarizes himself with every department and keeps in touch with the officers and all the company's affairs. Less technical in his training, and perhaps for that reason more capable of taking a bird's-eye view of the company's affairs than those more immediately interested, he becomes an efficient adviser in many directions."

The lawyers themselves have been seized by the spirit of consolidation. "There is a marked tendency," says Mr. Walker, "to organize great legal firms where two or three able men, controlling the business of large corporations, are able to employ many lawyers not as partners but as paid assistants. There are law firms which have on their rolls more than one hundred persons, of whom one-half have been admitted to practice. Three or four names only are known to the public, and these reap the fees of success. The others are, to all intents and purposes, clerks, drawing not even high salaries, because the universities are turning out lawyers in such endless profusion; the supply so far exceeds the demand that many able men are compelled to take these underpaid positions."

Another cause tending to decrease the practice of lawyers is the effort made everywhere of recent years to remove the causes of litigation. In Colorado, for example, a simple form of deed has been prescribed by law by use of which almost any person can make a proper conveyance without the assistance of a lawyer. In all of the cities trust companies have been formed which take over the guardianship of estates and thus deprive the legal profession of a source of very great revenue. We have title-guaranty companies, also. It used to be a large part of the work of every lawyer to examine titles, and these examinations, made carelessly, or by men who were not experts, gave rise to endless litigation. Other companies are springing up which give guaranty to business men against unscrupulous legal proceedings. We have, for example, a flourishing company which insures all subscribing doctors against suits for malpractice. In many cases where a few years ago the country "snitch" had only to deal with one of his own caliber in bringing a blackmailing suit against some business enterprise, he now finds he has to deal with a wealthy guaranty corporation, equipped with plenty of money, the best legal talent, and a determination to fight to the

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These stamps were quite recently printed in Paris, and bear the portrait of the late King Alexander. This portrait is now obliterated by an overprint of the Servian coat-of-arms. The stamps of this issue have never been sold without this overprint.

end without compromise. In short, the whole tendency of the times is toward less of all kinds of litigation, and perhaps the chief cause of all has been shrewdly stated by Mr. Walker in his concluding paragraph, as follows:

"There is a dawning recognition by the business man that for every dollar he succeeds in collecting through law he has been charged a dollar for legal fees and expenses. This is so well understood that no really able organizer ever contemplates the law, except to prevent unfair advantage when such is contemplated."

It appears that home-seekers are in town attracted by Commissioner Boyd's land circulars. They have been supplied with location data, but the Advertiser is informed that "little will be coming in land matters until the meetings of the executive council are resumed." In other words American citizens seeking homes on public lands may sit around paying board until such time as the Territorial government gets ready to do business with them. If the Territory loses control of its public lands altogether, one of these days, it will be because of a policy like this. What is the matter with the local administration, anyhow?

The claims for back pay by veterans of the Cuban army foot up \$51,000,000 which must be about a million apiece judging from the numbers that rallied to help Shafter in the Santiago campaign.

When Theresa gets to be a pawnbroker we'll all be going to see our "Auntie."

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NEW YORK, July 29.—An official statement that the Knickerbocker Sugar Refining Company expects to make sugar before the end of the year at its refinery at Edgewater, near Fort Lee on the Hudson, was made yesterday. The moving spirit in the company is George K. Ross, president of the Ross & Sprague Company, wholesale grocers of Cleveland, O., and with him are many Western grocers. The docks of the new plant are ready for business, the pan and mangle house is up to the sixth story, the boiler house lacks only the roof and the clear filter house is up to the fifth story.

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Casey—"O'Rafferty is a sick man. He has heavy complaint an' consumption." Murphy—"Sure, consumption's a bad disease." Casey—"It is that same; but it's slow. He'll die av the heart trouble a year afore he'll die av the loong trouble."—Kansas City Journal.

REPUBLICANS

of the First Precinct, Fourth District, Island of Oahu.

Take Notice

A meeting of all Republicans eligible to vote in the First Precinct, Fourth District, of this Island, is to be held at the premises of Thomas P. Cummins, Esq., at Pawaa, at 7:30 p. m., of Aug. 28th, 1903, for the following purposes:

1. For filling vacancies in the Precinct Club.
 2. Making nominations for the Members of the County Committee.
- On Saturday, August 29th, 1903, at the same place, between the hours of 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. of that day, a Primary election is to be held to elect Members of the County Committee, under the Rules and Regulations of the Republican Party of the Territory of Hawaii.
- C. L. HOPKINS,
President of the Republican Precinct Club, First Precinct, Fourth District.
Honolulu, Aug. 20th, 1903. 6562

NOTICE

REPUBLICANS OF SECOND PRECINCT, FOURTH DISTRICT.

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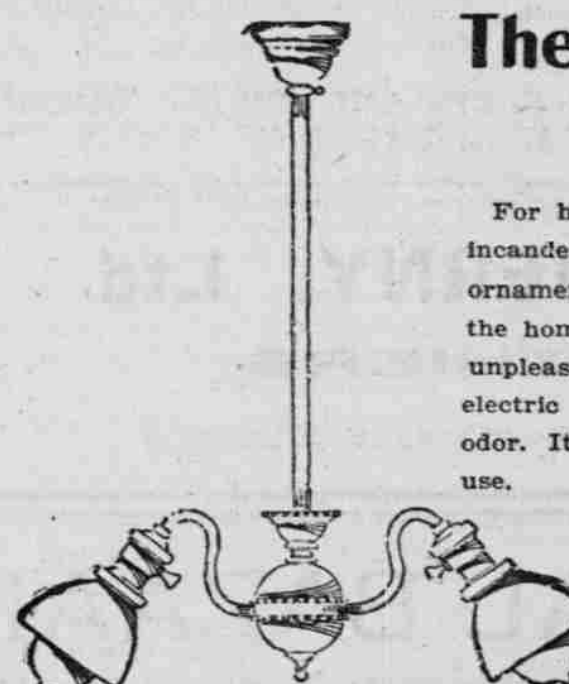
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